

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims

1. (Currently Amended) A lubricating composition usable for lubricating an interface between a tire and a safety support mounted on a wheel rim within said tire, the composition comprising (a) a lubricating agent, wherein said lubricating agent is aqueous or nonaqueous and (b) a polysaccharide which thickens said lubricating agent,

wherein said lubricating agent comprises glycerine in a mass fraction equal to or greater than about 60% of the lubricating agent, said lubricating agent being present in said composition in a mass fraction of between about 95% and 99%,

wherein said polysaccharide is present in said composition in a mass fraction of between about 1% and 2%.

2. (Original) The lubricating composition according to Claim 1, comprising an aqueous lubricating agent, said aqueous lubricating agent comprising glycerine in a mass fraction equal to or greater than about 70%, and water in a mass fraction less than or equal to about 30%.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The lubricating composition according to Claim [3] 1, wherein said polysaccharide is present in said composition in a mass fraction of between about 1.5% and 1.8%.

5. (Original) The lubricating composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition has a viscosity at 25°C and at atmospheric pressure, measured in accordance with the "Brookfield" technique by means of a spindle designated "LV4", of between 100,000 centipoise and 160,000 centipoise.

6. (Original) The lubricating composition according to Claim 1, wherein said polysaccharide is a xanthan gum.

7. (Original) The lubricating composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition further comprises at least one surfactant which is present in said composition in a mass fraction less than or equal to about 0.2%.

8. (Original) A lubricating composition usable for lubricating an interface between a tire and a safety support mounted on a wheel rim within said tire, the composition comprising

- a) glycerine in a mass fraction of the composition of 88.6%,
- b) water in a mass fraction of 9.8%,
- c) xanthan gum in a mass fraction of 1.5%, and
- d) sodium alkyl aryl sulfonate in a mass fraction of 0.1%.

9. (Original) A lubricating composition usable for lubricating an interface between a tire and a safety support mounted on a wheel rim within said tire, the composition comprising

- a) glycerine in a mass fraction of the composition of 78.5%,
- b) water in a mass fraction of 19.6%,

- c) xanthan gum in a mass fraction of 1.8%, and
- d) sodium alkyl aryl sulfonate in a mass fraction of 0.1%.

10. (Original) The lubricating composition according to Claim 7, wherein said surfactant is an alkali metal salt of an alkyl aryl sulphonic acid.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)